

Well, I had to open my big mouth ... bragging and carrying on about the show season kicking off and all the events that started in January, and what happens? Three fourths of the nation is covered with snow and ice from one of the worse winter storms on record, and it's miserably cold everywhere even though Punxsutawney Phil has not seen his shadow, predicting an early Spring! I say, "Enough already, it needs to warm up a bit."

At least the weather in Phoenix for our Annual Meeting and installation of new Officers was much improved over last year. There were no thunderstorms closing the airport or tents being blown around and wrecking high dollar cars at the Russo & Steele or Barrett-Jackson auctions. We enjoyed beautiful clear days, mild temperatures, and a fantastic time promoting MCA and the Ford Mustang at Barrett-Jackson. Two cars auctioned for charity that were of particular interest were the 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace Car, and the 1 of 1 Grabber Blue Laguna Seca Boss 302. Unfortunately for the Camaro, the price only made it to \$225K which, while respectable, was well short of the \$450K the Boss 302 garnered. Needless to say, there were some GM execs in the house that were not happy campers.

Speaking of promoting MCA and the Mustang at BJ, I want to personally thank the members of the Board of Directors along with their spouses and representatives from MCA Regional Clubs that came to Phoenix to staff the table in the Ford display and booth in the vendor area at Barrett-Jackson. We had representatives from Old Pueblo Mustang Club, Tucson, AZ; Copperstate Mustang Club, Phoenix, AZ; Mustangs Northwest, Bellevue, WA; Mustang Club of Houston, Houston, TX; Carolina Regional Mustang Club, Charlotte, NC; and the Savannah Mustang Club, Savannah, GA. We talked to literally hundreds of interested attendees, signed up a good number of new members (including two 5-year memberships), and found the perfect story for Chris Hall to use in kicking off the new MCA Youth program. Chris shares the plans for the revamped MCA Youth program, and new MCA members, father and son, Myron and Austen Moser and their story of the restoration of Austen's first car, a '69 fastback. They plan to have Austen's Mustang ready for the Des Moines show in August.

One other item I'd like to touch on this month is the service to MCA of its National Directors. Following our election to fill 13 seats on the BOD last August we subsequently had 5 National Directors resign. Three of those, Rick and Bo Lawless and Robin Orr, had just been re-elected to new 2 year terms with Bo Lawless also elected to the position of National Secretary. Billy Henson and Tom Hernquist, both of which had one year remaining on their terms also submitted resignations. All five of these individuals have given their time, effort, and money to be a part of the National Organization and help the Mustang Club of America fulfill its role as the best Mustang organization in the world. But, as with us all, family and livelihood come first. Such is the case with all five of these individuals. Robin, Billy, and Tom found work and family obligations requiring much more of their time, which in turn limited the time they could give to MCA as volunteers on the Board of Directors. In October, Rick Lawless received a promotion offer from work. The only catch was it required a three-year assignment in Wiesbaden, Germany. Rick, whose father was a career Army Officer, had spent much of his childhood in Germany, graduating from High School in Heidelberg. Naturally, he was excited about the opportunity to return and quickly accepted. He and Bo have been close friends for many years, and in our local club in Augusta, GA. They will be sorely missed on both a local and National level. They have already established contact with a local Mustang Club in Wiesbaden, which is talking about increasing the MCA membership and applying for an MCA Charter. Rick has also had his Roush tuned for some flat out fun on the Autobahn. All the departing Board members will be missed.

That said, the positions vacated, along with an unfilled slot from the fall election, were filled with six individuals who stepped forward with a desire to contribute to the MCA. A special election was held at the meeting in Phoenix and the following people have now joined the Board. Norton Foskett, Birmingham, AL, Jim "JP" Weber, Lincoln, NE, Tim Hahn, Houston, TX, Chris Neri, Memphis, TN, Stu Dunkel, Jefferson City, MO, and Bill Bradford, Mustang, OK. Please join me in welcoming them to the Board of Directors. I am confident they all will add value to the National Organization bringing fresh ideas and thinking to the Board.

But enough chatter already. Hey, they are forecasting sunny skies with a high of 56 degrees this weekend. Might even drop the top on Beverly's GT and have some fun in a Mustang this weekend ... nah, better keep the top up for now.



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